

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a data structure for managing reproduction of main data recorded therein and a first data field area for storing copy protection information, comprising:

a lead-in area including a second data field area storing copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the computer readable medium contains the copy protection information in the first data field area for use in encrypting/decrypting data, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information being recorded in a wobbled patterns pattern by a bi-phased modulation method, the copy protection information being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encrypting/decrypting the data; and wherein

the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in the lead-in area of the computer readable medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 1, wherein the copy protection indicating information signifies to reproduce the main data directly without utilizing the copy protection information if the copy protection indicating information indicates the computer readable medium does not contain copy protection information.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 1, wherein the copy protection indicating information signifies to reproduce the main data based on the copy protection information if the copy protection indicating information indicates the computer readable medium contains copy protection information.

5 - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an area of a recording medium that includes a first data field area for storing copy protection information, comprising:
forming a ~~recordable~~ data area for strong main data;
forming a portion of a lead-in area on the recording medium including a second data field area for storing copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the recording medium contains the copy protection information in the first data field area for use in encrypting/decrypting data, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information being formed as a wobbled pattern by a bi-phased modulation method, the copy protection information being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data; and wherein
the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in the lead-in area of the recording medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information.

8 – 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of reproducing main data from a recording medium including a first area for storing copy protection information and a second area for storing copy protection indicating information, comprising:
utilizing the copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the recording medium contains the copy protection information in the first area for use in encrypting/decrypting the data, to reproduce the main data, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information being recorded in a wobbled pattern by a bi-phased modulation method, the copy protection information being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encrypting/decrypting the data; and wherein
the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in a lead-in area of the recording medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, further comprising reproducing the main data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data, or reproducing the main data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the reproducing includes detecting bi-phased modulated data and detecting the copy protection information using the bi-phased modulated data if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data based on the copy protection indicating information.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the reproducing includes (i) checking whether the copy protection indicating information is detected, (ii) reproducing the main data directly if the copy protection indicating information is not detected, and (iii) reproducing the main data utilizing the copy protection information if the copy protection indicating information is detected.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein the (iii) further includes (iii') determining whether the copy protection indicating information is active if the copy protection indicating information is detected, (iii'') reproducing the main data directly if the copy protection indicating information is not active, and (iii''') detecting the copy protection information and reproducing the main data utilizing the detected copy protection information if the copy protection indicating information is active.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein in (iii''') said reproducing includes decrypting the main data utilizing the copy protection information.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for playing main data of a recording medium including a first area for storing copy protection information and a second area for storing copy protection indicating information, comprising:

detecting the copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the recording medium contains the copy protection information in the first area for use in encrypting/decrypting the data, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information being recorded in a wobbled patterns pattern by a bi-phased modulation method,[[;]] the copy protection information being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encryption/decrypting the main data; and wherein

the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in a lead-in area of the recording medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information; and

playing the main data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data, or playing the main data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the main data, based on the detected copy protection indicating information.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

23. Currently Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein said playing includes decrypting the main data utilizing the copy protection information.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of recording main data on a recording medium including a first area for storing copy protection information and a second area for storing copy protection indicating information, comprising:

utilizing the copy protection indicating information to indicate whether or not the recording medium contains the copy protection information in the first area for use in encrypting/decrypting the data, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information [[are]] being recorded in a wobbled patterns pattern by a bi-phased modulation method, the copy protection information being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data; and wherein

the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in a lead-in area of the recording medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information; and

recording the main data based on the copy protection information.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein the main data may be recorded utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the data, or the main data may be recorded directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information, wherein the recording records the main data without encryption.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main

data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present, wherein the recording records the main data without encryption.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present, wherein the recording records the main data encrypted utilizing the copy protection information.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein encrypting the main data utilizing the copy protection information precedes recording of the data.

30. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for reproducing main data from a recording medium including a first area for storing copy protection information and a second area for storing copy protection indicating information, said apparatus being configured to utilize the copy protection indicating information to determine whether or not the recording medium contains the copy protection information in the first area for use in encrypting/decrypting data, said apparatus being configured to reproduce the main data based on the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information being recorded in a wobbled patterns pattern by a bi-phased modulation method, the copy protection information being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data; and wherein

the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in a lead-in area of the recording medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said apparatus is configured to reproduce the main data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording

medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data, or is configured to reproduce the data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the main data.

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said apparatus is configured to reproduce the main data directly if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said apparatus is configured to reproduce the main data directly if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said apparatus is configured to reproduce the main data with the copy protection information when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said apparatus is configured to decrypt the main data utilizing the copy protection information.

36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for reproducing main data from a recording medium including a first area for storing copy protection information and a second area for storing copy protection indicating information, comprising:

a detector configured to detect signals recorded on the recording medium, the signal including the copy protection indicating information to determine whether or not the recording medium contains the copy protection information in the first area for use in decrypting the data, the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information being recorded in a wobbled patterns pattern by a bi-phased modulation method, the copy protection information

being encryption/decryption key information required for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data; and wherein

the copy protection indicating information is included within control information recorded in the lead-in area of the recording medium and the copy protection information is present depending on the indication of the copy protection indicating information; and

a signal processor configured to process the main data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in encrypting/decrypting the main data, or is configured to process the main data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the main data based on the copy protection indicating information.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said signal processor is configured to process the main data directly if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said signal processor is configured to process the main data directly if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said signal processor is configured to process the main data utilizing the copy protection information when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said signal processor is configured to decrypt the main data utilizing the copy protection information.

41 – 48. (Canceled)